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COFFEE COUNTY PEANUTS...It's that time of year again when the farmers mount their tractors and head for the field to gather the harvest of the ever popular "goober." That's right...peanut season has arrived, and this time local farmers are expecting a better year thanks to the rains the area has received. According to officials, the fields in Coffee County net about 20,000 acres planted in peanuts. The average yield for the product a year ago was about 1,119 pounds per acre. This year, however, the expected yield is to be around 2,700 pounds per acre. That means local residents should not have any trouble finding the 'ole goober' to enjoy as an afternoon snack, while watching a football game, or for any other occasion that may arise.

Coffee County BOE approves \$12.4 million budget

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education centered its focus on the annual budget last Thursday, Aug. 30, during a special meeting.

The board held public hearings concerning the annual budget for fiscal year 2001-2002 on Monday, Aug. 27, and Thursday, Aug. 30. At the conclusion of the second hearing on Thursday, the board met in special session to approve the budget.

Before any action was taken, however, Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram addressed some questions that had been asked during the hearings concerning the budget.

The first thing the superintendent did was explain how budget flexibility works.

She said because of proration, the state gave school boards a number of categories that they could flex monies in order to pay other things such as salaries for teachers and support personnel.

Next, Ingram explained that

funds generated locally by each individual school within the system are spent as school sees fit. Ingram said this is money raised by the school through such things as picture sales, vending machine sales, etc.

"If clubs raise money, they decide how to spend it," Ingram said. "Otherwise, it (money) goes into the school's general fund."

The superintendent said each school inputs into the school computer system how the money is to be spent.

With that said, the board approved the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 budget.

According to the adopted budget, school officials anticipate total annual revenues of \$12,053,391 and total expenditures of \$12,452,008.

The beginning balance on Oct. 1 will be \$2,431,120 with the end balance on Sept. 30 being \$2,114,524.

Of the total of \$12,053,391 in revenues, \$1,465,008 is state funds, \$2,591,858 is local funds and \$67,336 is from

other sources.

The \$12,452,008 earmarked for expenditures is reached with \$7,191,671 going towards instructional services, \$1,762,121 for instructional support services, \$814,091 for operation and maintenance, \$1,624,411 for auxiliary services, \$608,186 for general administrative services, \$33,000 for capital outlay, \$296,171 for debt services and \$122,447 earmarked for other expenditures.

After adopting the annual budget for fiscal year 2001-2002, the board received an update on the Child Internet Protection Act from Golda Donaldson.

Donaldson updated the board on the school system's internet policy which she said was already in place, but a few changes had been made to it.

She said a public hearing had been held concerning the changes to the system's policy. After reviewing the changes with board members during the meeting, it was determined that the board members will vote to accept the changes at the next regular board meeting.

Superintendent Ingram mentioned a possible revision to the school calendar that board members will need to vote on at the next meeting.

She said the school system is

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During Elba Board of Education meeting

\$6 million budget approved

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board approved a budget in excess of six million dollars for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2002. These budget figures were used mindful of the continuing proration of state education funds, according to Superintendent Danny Weeks. The total general fund budget expenditures for the coming fiscal year is \$6,199,607. There are some other incidental income and expenditures on the budget, in addition to the above figures, but they are earmarked for special uses. The entire general fund budget is projected to have a \$68,048 balance of income over expenses.

Mr. Weeks expressed optimism throughout his presentation of the budget to school board members that the school system would be able to manage for at least one more year without any drastic cuts in classroom teachers. Then Weeks would stop and tell board members that some state officials were expressing concern that there might be additional cuts in state school funds if there is no upturn in the economy soon. He said there is no way to plan for such unknown cuts, nor to predict the results.

Another (in October) special session of the Alabama Legislature is being predicted by some state officials, solely to address the financial needs of education, Weeks said.

The new budget uses some allotted capital outlay funds as well as some textbook replacement funds to keep the general fund afloat and in the black financially. Again Weeks

explained to board members that this doesn't cause any immediate problems, but if it continues into the following year, there could be some conflicts with needs for new textbooks. He also agreed with board members that using capital funds for salaries could cause problems in coming years as buildings need painting and/or repairing.

Elba schools face another funding problem due to dropping enrollment. The current student enrollment is listed at 975 in both schools, down from 1033 students last year. The enrollment drop is mainly in the lower grades, beginning with historically low numbers in the kindergarten classes.

In other business the school board approved an internet safety policy. This includes a form each student must have signed by a parent or guardian, allowing the student to use the internet, under carefully monitored school staff supervision, for approved educational purposes. Without this signed release, no student will be allowed access to the internet.

Board members were also updated on the successful improvement in writing assessment scores in both levels of testing.

In the high school, 75% of the students scored in the top two level (above average) in the elementary school, 53% of the 5th graders scored in the top two levels. Both groups showed a significant decrease in students scoring in the lower two levels. The test measures understanding of the writing task and measures writing mechanics, sentence formation and grammar and usage.

Local veterinarian participates with Maddie's Fund

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Alabama Veterinary Medical Association (ALVMA) recently embarked into an effort to help control the pet population in Alabama through a program called the Maddie's Fund.

Working in cooperation with ALVMA is the Alabama Humane Federation and the Alabama Animal Control Association.

"This program could essentially help eliminate the euthanasia of healthy, adoptable animals," said Dr. Faith B. Drumheller, DVM. "As many as 40,000 Alabama cats and dogs may be eligible for this new spay/neuter program."

Drumheller, the Southeast

Alabama VMA contact person, said a \$610,000 grant has made it possible for low-income pet owners to take advantage of discounted spay/neuter programs.

She said through Maddie's Fund, a Medicaid-eligible family will qualify for this veterinary service at the low cost of \$5 per cat or \$10 per dog, with a limit of six animals per household.

The goal is to have 10,000 spays or neuters across the state. As goals are achieved, Maddie's Fund will make approximately \$2.5 million available over the next two years.

The Maddie's Fund effort is being titled, "The Big Fix for Alabama," and Drumheller said all an eligible pet owner has to do is make an appointment with one of the participating providers for the pet to have the surgery done at the special rate. Maddie's Fund will then contribute an average of \$45 per cat surgery and \$70 per dog surgery.

"I'm just really excited about this great program with Maddie's Fund," said Drumheller. "I strongly encourage residents to take full advantage of its benefits."

Lynne Fridley, president of the Alabama Humane Federation said it is very difficult to find homes for all of the animals that are brought to shelters. She said the hope is that Maddie's Fund will allow qualified pet owners help to spay the pet population.

"We are behind anything that will keep down the pet population in our state," said Fridley. "We see too many unwanted animals left to roam the streets to fend for themselves. Most are killed by automobiles or starve to death."

According to Dr. Charles Franz, ALVMA executive director, various spay/neuter campaigns in the past have been successful in the short term, but the Band-Aid type of efforts have not stopped the flood of unwanted and stray animals coming to shelters.

"The veterinarians in Alabama want to see citizens take better care of their animals and be responsible," said Franz.

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NOTICE

Coffee County has launched its 2002 United Way campaign. The campaign kicked off August 23 at the Coffee County United Way office in Enterprise.

The United Way campaign will take place through November. The funds raised will go to benefit the 22 social service agencies supported by Coffee County United Way. Coffee County's campaign goal is \$210,000.

The overall goal for Wiregrass United Way's 2002 campaign is \$2,125 million. The Wiregrass United Way has 37 member agencies and serves Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties. Wiregrass United Way's partner agencies provide a variety of services. The agencies vary from Catholic Social Services to Boy Scouts.

All of the funds raised by Wiregrass United Way stay in the five counties. A committee of volunteers decides how the funds are distributed. United Way has served the Wiregrass area since 1938.

For additional information call 393-1072.

Brooks elected to ACCA board

Coffee County Commissioner Bernest Brooks has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Association of County Commissions of Alabama (ACCA), which is a statewide association representing Alabama's county governments.

"We are excited about Bernest and the leadership he will provide for our association," said Billy Ray Williams, Etowah County Commissioner and president of the ACCA. "County government in Alabama is undergoing a tremendous change and our board of directors must provide insight and vision for the 67 county governments facing these changes."

The organization promotes improved county government services in Alabama, offers educational programs for county officials and their staff members, administers insurance programs for county governments and employees, offers legal advice and assistance and represents the interest of county governments before state organiza-



Bernest Brooks

tions and agencies. District 9, which Brooks represents, consists of the following Alabama counties: Barbour, Bullock, Coffee, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Pike and Russell.

During the most recent Coffee County Commission meeting, Commissioner Brooks said he is honored to serve on the board of directors of the ACCA.

Area Happenings

COUNTY BOE. The Coffee County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday (TODAY), Sept. 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Board of Education office on Reddoch Hill Road in Elba.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL. On Friday, Sept. 7, the Elba Tigers will travel to Samson; the Zion Chapel Rebels will be at home against Houston County; the New Brockton Gamcocks will travel to G.W. Long; the Kinston Bulldogs will travel to Geneva County; and the Brantley Bulldogs will be at home against Highland Home. The New Brockton game will begin at 7 p.m., and kickoff for all other games will be 7:30 p.m.

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Sept. 10, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room at the County Complex in New Brockton.

NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL. The New Brockton Town Council will hold its monthly meeting Monday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at the New Brockton Town Hall.

CHAMBER BANQUET. The Elba Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet Thursday, Sept. 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Elba High School commons area. Dress for the event will be casual.

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WEHS NEWS staff named

by Kristy Ward

Last year, 10 students auditioned to become an Elba High School anchorperson for the school-produced news show. All of the student candidates worked really hard and prepared great videos, but not all could be accepted. As their fellow classmates watched and voted, the students sat very impatiently and very nervously as they awaited their fate. When the results were announced, there were cheers, tears, and shouts of "CONGRATULATIONS" throughout Elba High School. Out of 10, five students made the staff. Those five are: Anna Anderson, Blake Brunson, Austin Booth, Crystal Frost and Marcus Henderson.

On Wednesday, July 18, four of these students toured WSFA Television Station. Anna Anderson, Blake Brunson, Crystal Frost and Marcus Henderson gave up a day of summer vacation to travel to Montgomery with Mrs. Margaret Calhoun. The tour of the television station included seeing the various sets for the local news shows, visiting the storm center with local meteorologist Rich Thomas, and participating in a question and answer session about weather.

The group enjoyed the outing and got ideas for set design for WEHS NEWS.

WEHS NEWS is a student led television show that informs students of the happenings at EHS and in the world around them. As part of their duties, the five chosen have taken on many responsibilities. Each day one member hosts a news bulletin called Tiger Talk to tell about the happenings at EHS and the upcoming events that the community could get involved in. This broadcast can be heard Monday through Friday at 4:30 p.m. on WZTZ radio. The staff is also responsible for running the school announcements on the classroom televisions every day to keep students informed, which is one of the most important jobs is the school television show. This program is broadcast to the entire school at least twice a week during 3rd block. They have several sections which feature a certain school group or organization, as well as people who play an important role in the lives of the students and faculty.

Blake Brunson said, "It is a fun job, but it has to be taken seriously for it to work."

So far, they have done a great job! Good luck and keep up the good work!



Tiger Tales

Editor:
Katie Grimes

Library gets magazine donation



by Hunter Branch

Chi Alpha Mu donated a subscription to "Southern Discoveries" to the Elba High School Library. "Southern Discoveries" is a locally published magazine that highlights the State of Alabama. The magazine provides information for research and leisure reading. This donation is a service project for Chi Alpha Mu and helps ease the effects of proration. Mrs. Davis and the rest of the Chi Alpha Mu organization are happy to donate this subscription to the library. Pictured above from left are Chi Alpha Mu officers Ashleigh Waddell, Emily Paul and Bradley Bane.

EHS tracks disappearing change

by Katie Grimes

Have you ever wondered how your spare change just seems to disappear? If you're a student at EHS, that change probably disappears into the vending machines.

During the daily 15-minute break between first and second periods, many students opt to buy tools and drinks from the vending machines conveniently located in the commons area. However, few students (or parents) realize exactly how much money they spend on these products over the course of a year.

This 2001-2002 school year calendar consists of 176 days. If a student buys only a drink or a snack each day, they will spend an average of \$105.60 during this year. A student who buys both a drink and a snack each day will spend \$211.20. Over a

year, all those Cokes and candy bars really become an expense.

What would happen if vending machine prices were lowered to 50 cents? Students buying only a drink or a snack would spend \$88, and students buying both would spend \$176. Those buying one product would save \$17.60, and those buying two products would save \$35.

Although lower prices would be nice, the school puts the profits from the vending machines to good use. That money is used towards general office supplies, paper, computer supplies and copier maintenance. The money is also used to purchase janitorial supplies, including toilet paper.

So, students, before you begin to complain about a lack of toilet paper in the restrooms, ask yourself, "Have I bought a Coke today?"

Wesley goes to Washington

by Jonathan Head

He came. He saw. He went. He now has stories. We're not talking about Superman or the common Wall-Street business tycoon, just Wesley Kelley, a very extraordinary student at EHS.

This summer Wesley was able to partake in a summit held at Washington, D.C. dedicated to sightseeing by the Alabama Electric Cooperative's most elite student researchers. You might ask yourselves what's so extraordinary about that, but there is more to this than meets the eye.

The selection process was quite sophisticated. Initially, each individual enrolled within an advanced 11th grade English course had to submit a paper that illustrated the history of the AEC. After this, each paper was screened and selected by EHS teacher Kathy Tucker. The participants were narrowed down to 10 finalists. These "top 10" were evaluated further by AEC. Through this procedure, five students were handpicked for testing and interviews. Of course, Wesley met all these challenges with composure and



Wesley Kelley

perseverance. Due to his efforts, Wesley received first place in the competition and was rewarded with an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. While there, Wesley was able to visit several of the city's greatest sights. When asked to name his favorite part of the trip, he replied, "Getting out and seeing the sights for yourself." Through hard work and dedication Wesley rose to the top. His words to the forthcoming junior class: "Try your best and you too will see the view of a lifetime."

EES Faculty Spotlight

by Francie English

Mrs. Gena Benbow has been chosen to be in this week's Faculty Spotlight for Elba Elementary School.

She attended Elba High School and was a cheerleader. She went to Troy State University, where she got her BS in social rehabilitation and her MA in elementary education. For two years, Gena was a third grade aide. Following that, she spent three years as a sixth grade teacher. She is beginning her fourth year as a second grade teacher. Overall, she has spent eight years working for the Elba City Schools System.

Gena is married to Jeff Benbow. They have three children, Melissa (22), Emilee (19), and Alex (14). When asked what inspired her to become a teacher, Gena replied, "I love



Gena Benbow

working with children and have always enjoyed school. My mother, Gennette Kendrick, taught kindergarten for 26 years.

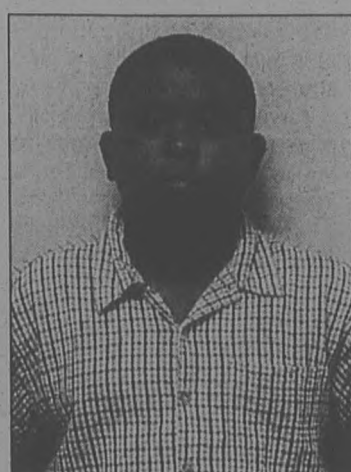
If she could no longer be a teacher, she would pursue a career as a marine biologist. In her spare time, she enjoys fishing and reading.

Nick Nelson travels abroad

by Brittany Daniels

"This is going to be a long trip," thought Nicholas Nelson as he boarded the plane for his three to four week journey.

Nicholas Nelson, son of John Ray Nelson and Christina Carpenter Nelson, both of Elba, is now a seventh grader attending Elba High School. This past summer, Nick and a few other local students journeyed across the ocean to England, Ireland and Wales. They visited many historical sites and learned many interesting facts about these countries. When asked what he would say to inspire other students so they could have the same experience, Nick replied, "I would tell students to always try to perform to the best of their abilities in everything they do in all aspects of life."



Nicholas Nelson

Nick says that the trip was a very fun and educational experience, and he really enjoyed it.

Students attend Governor's School

by Amanda Spicer

From July 8 through July 20, Brittany Daniels and Katie Grimes, both 16-year-old seniors at EHS, spent their time at Governor's School.

Governor's School is a residential honors program and is held at Samford University in Birmingham for 13 days. Brittany participated in seminars about videography and Southern culture. Brittany said that her favorite part of Governor's School was the mandatory fun. When asked

what she learned, she replied, "I learned that college is a really huge step in one's life, and I should put a lot of thought into what college and major I choose. It will impact my life in a great way."

Katie attended classes in photography and biology. Katie's favorite part of Governor's School was the atmosphere. Katie said, "I enjoyed getting an insight to what college will possibly be. The classes helped me explore my interests and opened up possible career choices for me."

Co-Op Spotlight

by Hunter Branch

This week's Co-op spotlight is Katie Grimes. Katie is the 16-year-old daughter of Roy and Michelle Grimes. Katie is currently employed at the First Baptist Church of Elba where she does general office work. Katie is President of the VICA Club and a member of Senior Beta and Spanish clubs. Ms. Grimes also enjoys playing the piano at Ham United Methodist Church.



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COMMUNITY NEWS



A JOURNEY BACK IN TIME...The above picture was submitted by Winzell Gray. It captures the Mulberry Heights High School chapter of the FFA. Dr. James J. Dawson was the agriculture teacher at that time (1965 give or take a year). The four ladies pictured were the FFA Sweethearts. Those pictured include: (kneeling from left) Jonas Rogers, Winzell Gray, Locart Flowers, Herman Waters, Paul Belcher, Benjamin Rayburn, Robert Hooks, Pete Cole and Cleve Coon; (standing from left) Dr. James Dawson, Douglas McNeal, Terry Culver, Simon Benson, Paul Russell, Pamela Ballard, C.P. Rogers, Minnie Edwards, Joyce Belcher, Sammy Smith, Willie Mae Lee, Joel Hooks, Fred Adams, Charlie C. Rowe, Charles Phillips, Jerry Culver, Rex Head, Abraham Robinson, John B. Shipman and Charlie Tills.

Elba COC plans annual banquet for September 27

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual banquet on the evening of September 27th. The Elba High School community area is the site for the banquet and it is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

The theme for this year's banquet is "Hats Off to Business". An awards ceremony will take place for those businesses and individuals that have gone the extra mile to make Elba shine. The business of the year, chamber member of the year and "Spirit of Elba" are a few of the awards that will be given at the ceremony.

Also during the banquet, the chamber will present a video featuring three businesses that demonstrate the work ethic that our chamber tries to encourage and support.

One highlight of the banquet this year will be the door prizes that will be given away. Prizes will include a DVD player, and other prizes that are sure to please. However, MUST be present to win.

Tickets are on sale now at the Chamber Office or from any Chamber board member. The cost is \$15 and all tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold the night of the banquet.

Dress for the event is casual.

CENTENNIAL EDITION
The Elba High School journalism staff is desperately seeking photos from the early years of Elba High for a special centennial edition of the Elba Clipper. Anyone with candid photos from 1902-1998 and would like to contribute needs to contact Julie Norris at the high school at 897-2122.



Thomas Easters

Thomas is the son of Doug Jr. and Sandra Easters of Woodstock, Ga.

Easters participates in YBOA tourney

Thomas Easters, grandson of Col. (ret.) and Mrs. R. Douglas Easters of Elba, participated in the YBOA Youth Basketball of America National/International Tournament in Winterhaven Fla. this summer.

Thomas' team, the Georgia Bulls from Cherokee County, Ga. won 4th place in the 12 and under International Competition.

Thomas is the 6'3" center for the Georgia Bulls. His team competed against teams from all over the US and South America. The tournament included 9 through 17 year old teams from the United States, Canada, Venezuela, India, Puerto Rico, Mexico and Costa Rica.

Sian Wilson joins United States Army

Sian A. Wilson has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty.

Wilson, a 1997 graduate of Daleville High School, Ala., will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training.

She is the daughter of Redana J. Wilson of 156 County Road 685, New Brockton, Ala.

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MacArthur State recognized by American Red Cross

According to representatives of American Red Cross, MacArthur State Technical College consistently meets collection goals at each blood drive.

hosted by the college. At the blood drive held on campus July 30, Red Cross representatives recognized the college's support by presenting plaques of appreciation to President Wayne Bennett and Student Support Services Counselor George Baum. Making the presentations were Carla McBryde, executive director for the Covington County Chapter, and Susan Smith, account manager for American Red Cross Blood Services in Mobile.

Baum has served as a site chairman event coordinator for Red Cross blood drives since 1998. Bennett serves on the board of directors as

the Human Resource County chairman for the Covington County Chapter of American Red Cross.

McBryde said that MacArthur has increased its donations at each drive from 40 to 75 productive blood units since 1998. Donors include faculty, staff, and students representing every department on campus.

"Both Mr. Bennett and Mr. Baum are to be commended for the outstanding jobs they do in recruiting donors and supporting the blood drives," stated McBryde.

Susan Smith has encouraged friendly competition in past drives by challenging MacArthur State and Lurleen B. Wallace Junior College to produce the greatest number of collected blood units.

"A single donation can help

Donna Compton, a Troy State University student, Gail Brantley, has received a Dr. Emmett Kilpatrick Perpetual Memorial Scholarship for the 2001-2002 academic year. Compton, a senior majoring in business, is a 1998 graduate of Brantley High School. She is a member of several honor societies, including Alpha Lambda Delta, Gamma Beta Phi, University Honors Alliance and the Trojan All-Stars.

The Kilpatrick Scholarship was established in 1984 to honor the memory of a former TSU professor.

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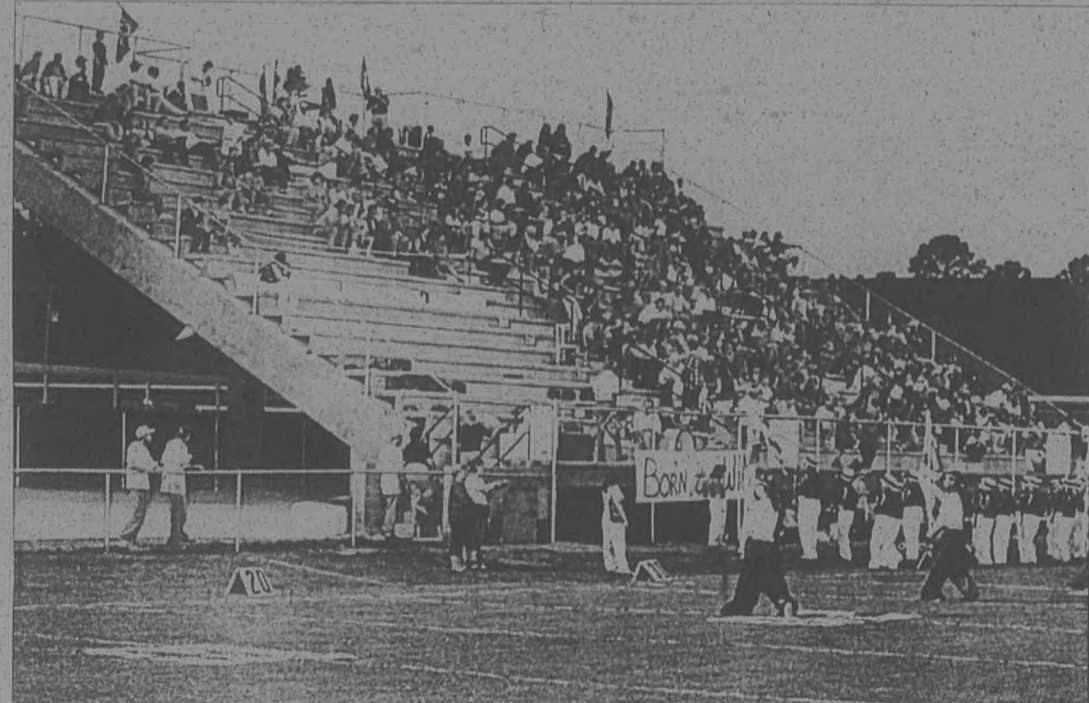
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SPORTS



OFF AND RUNNING......is a Kinston Bulldog running back during opening week action against Samson. The Bulldogs will be back on the road this week when they travel to Hartford to meet the Geneva County Bulldogs.



Brantley Bulldog fans filled the new concrete stands for the opening game of the season last week against J.E. Shields. The newly renovated stadium included a move for the Brantley fans to the opposite side of the field. However, no complaints were heard as the new seating gave all Bulldog fans a great view of the field. Friday night the Bulldogs will host the Highland Home Flying Squadron, with both teams bringing 1-0 records into the cross-county clash. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

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In opening week action

Kinston outscored by Samson 41-12

by Tony Kelley, Sportswriter

The Kinston Bulldogs opened their season Thursday night in Samson and at the final horn found themselves on the short end of a 41-12 decision to the powerful Samson Tigers.

Samson received the opening kickoff and wasted little time grabbing the lead as Josh Morgan returned the kick 82 yards for a Tiger touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but the Tigers were on top 6-0 before many of the fans had even settled into their seats.

Kinston wasn't about to be outdone; however, and stunned Samson when Patrick Nelson took the ensuing kickoff and raced 87 yards for a Bulldog score. The Bulldogs also missed their extra-point attempt, but with only forty seconds gone into the 2001 season the fans on both sides of the field were already excited as the score was tied at 6-6.

The Bulldog defense turned back a Samson scoring threat on the Tigers next possession with a fumble recovery at the Kinston 12-yardline. However, the Bulldogs returned the favor with a fumble of their own, and this time the Tigers cashed in on the scoring opportunity when Josh Morgan connected with J.T. Thomas on a 26-yard touchdown pass. Timmy Bess converted the two-point conversion, and with 5:25 remaining in the first quarter the Tigers were back on top 14-6.

Patrick Nelson returned the ensuing kick 22 yards to the 44-yardline. Timmy Bess added a third quarter score on a 29-yard fumble on their ensuing possession, but this time got a break of their own when Samson fumbled the ball into the Kinston endzone for a touchdown. Kinston put the ball in play at its own 20-yardline following the touchback, and once again showed its speed on offense as on third down Patrick Nelson broke loose and rambled 74 yards for a Bulldog touchdown. A two-point conversion failed.



Kinston Bulldog cheerleaders had plenty to cheer about early as the Bulldogs battled Samson on even terms for much of the opening half.

yardline to put the Bulldogs right back in business on offense, but Kinston failed to move the chains and punted the ball back to the Tigers. Samson headed back downfield behind the running of Timmy Bess and Terrell Davis, and added to its lead on a 15-yard scoring scamper by Davis. The extra-point try was successful, and it appeared the Tigers were in command with a 21-6 advantage.

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Patrick Nelson led the Bulldogs on the ground with 111 yards on 19 carries, while Ryan Anderson added 27 yards on 7 carries. Timmy Bess led Samson with 174 yards on 15 carries.

Brantley sneaks past Shields 6-0

by Greg Brunson, Sportswriter

The Brantley Bulldogs and J.E. Shields Panthers kicked off the 2001 high school football season Thursday night with a true defensive struggle, and in the end it was the Brantley defense that scored the only points of the night as the Bulldogs claimed a hard fought 6-0 win in Brantley.

The Bulldogs missed their first scoring opportunity when Cedric Jones missed a 21-yard field-goal attempt late in the first quarter, while after an exchange of punts, the Bulldogs again drove deep into Panther territory, this time behind the running of Devaris Skanes. Brantley got as close as the J.E. Shields 17-yardline, but again failed to cash in on the scoring chance, as the scoreboard remained locked at 0-0.

Brantley had one more chance to get on the scoreboard before the half, but Joseph Manuel intercepted a Channing Sprivey pass in the endzone with 10 remaining on the clock, and at intermission the teams went in still knotted at 0-0.

Andy Cain recovered, a Panther fumble midway through the third quarter to give the Bulldog offense a spark, but the Bulldogs were unable to take advantage of the turnover, and the defensive standoff continued.

The Panthers drove from their own 6-yardline to the Brantley 47 late in the fourth quarter and appeared to be headed for a potential game winning score.



Brantley Bulldog head coach David Lowery talks with his team during a time out in Thursday night's 6-0 win over J.E. Shields. Listening is Bulldog assistant coach Roland Jones (wearing visor).

However, on a second down play Brantley's Jimmy Mitchell scooped up a Panther fumble and raced 35 yards down the sidelines for the only score of the night.

Cedric Jones' extra-point try failed, but with 4:37 left on the clock Brantley was finally on top 6-0.

Michael Mitchell intercepted two Joseph Manuel passes in the closing minutes to put an end to any of J.E. Shields' hopes for a comeback, and at the final horn the Bulldogs left the field with the 6-0 win.

Devaris Skanes gained 55 yards on 24 carries to lead Brantley, while the Bulldog defense was led by Bobby Phillips, Sergio Burnett and Janyal Jones.

STATISTICS

	B	S
1st Downs	6	6
Rushes-Yds.	30-46	37-75
Passing Yds.	0	0
Total Offense	46	75
Turnovers	0-5-1	0-6-2
Return Yds.	144	14
Penalties-Yds.	4-20	11-107
Fumbles-Lost	0	2
Punts-Avg.	4-37	5-37



Brantley's Bobby Phillips (79) and a Bulldog teammate combine to stop a Shields runner for a short gain. The Bulldog defense recorded a shut-out and scored the only points of the game in Brantley's 6-0 win. Also pictured is Jimmy Mitchell (24).

SPORTS



A Zion Chapel Rebel running back heads outside for a big gain in Friday night's cross-county clash against the New Brockton defense. Making key blocks are Rebel teammates Heath Killingsworth (34) and Marcus Murphy (60).

Opens season with big win

New Brockton rips Rebels 39-0

From combined reports

The New Brockton Gamecocks wiped out a year of frustration in a matter of only two hours Friday night as they pounded the Zion Chapel Rebels 39-0, in the season opener for both county rivals.

Neither team could mount a drive on their initial series of the game. However, the Gamecocks began their second series at their own 45-yardline and quickly marched downfield to grab the lead.

The touchdown came on a 27-yard pass from Joseph Sawyer to Tyler Simmons, and the extra-point was true, as the Gamecocks moved ahead 7-0 with 4:13 left in the opening stanza.

New Brockton upped its lead to 14-0 on its next series on a 3-yard scamper by Tyler Simmons, and after a Rebel

fumble, increased its lead to 20-0 on a 14-yard touchdown run by Simmons.

The Gamecocks' Ray Magwood capped off a 50-yard scoring drive with a 15-yard touchdown run as New Brockton upped its lead to 26-0, while the next Gamecock score was set up by a pass interception by Randy Danford, and came on a 9-yard scamper by Tyler Simmons. This time the extra-point try was successful, as New Brockton moved ahead 33-0 over their rivals from Jack.

Brandon Owens added the final score of the night with 5:57 remaining in the third quarter on a 2-yard dash, and at the final horn all the celebrating was on the New Brockton sidelines as the Gamecocks put an end to their 11-game losing streak with a 39-0 win over Zion Chapel.

Tyler Simmons gained 108 yards on 16 carries and scored 3 touchdowns to lead the Gamecock ground attack, while Brandon Owens added 93 yards on 5 carries and Ray Magwood added 80 yards on 9 carries. Heath Killingsworth gained 20 yards on 5 carries to lead Zion Chapel.

Daniel Hernandez made 8 tackles to lead the New Brockton defense, while Demetrius Foster chipped in with 7 tackles, and Tyler Simmons had 5 stops. Zane Tracey made 9 tackles to lead the Rebels, while Wesley Grant had 7 stops.

STATISTICS

	NB	ZC
1st Downs	11	3
Rushes-Yds.	37-323	33-55
Passing Yds.	38	53
Total Offense	361	108
Turnovers	2-4-0	3-7-1

WEEK #2 PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

The high school football season will enter week #2 this Friday night, and for many teams it looks like another tough week ahead as all four teams face stiff tests.

Following are previews of this week's games:

NEW BROCKTON AT G.W. LONG

The New Brockton Gamecocks put an end to one streak last week and will be looking to get another started Friday night when they travel to Skipperville to battle the high-powered G.W. Long Rebels.

The Gamecocks rolled up over 400 yards in offense last week in their easy 39-0 romp past Zion Chapel, and unveiled a powerful running game and a stingy defense. The Brockton ground attack was paced by Tyler Simmons, Ray Magwood and Brandon Owens, while the defense was sparked by Randy Danford, Demetrius Foster and Daniel Hernandez. The win over Zion Chapel put an end to the Gamecocks' 11-game losing streak, and the Gamecocks are looking to make it two straight wins against the talented Rebels from Skipperville.

G.W. Long has been a power on the gridiron for years, and this season is looking to steal the region crown away from Brantley. The Rebels opened the season with an easy 46-0 win over lowly Barbour County, and barely broke a sweat in the lopsided win. While it is true the Rebels lost many key players from a year ago, they are still talented and confident, and won't be afraid of their visitors from Coffee County.

The home field advantage will make the Rebels a favorite. However, the Gamecocks will be brimming with confidence when they take the field.

KINSTON AT GENEVA COUNTY

The Kinston Bulldogs will be on the road for the second straight week Friday night when they head over to Hartford to do battle with the

Geneva County Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs showed speed at times in last week's opening week setback to Samson, led by Patrick Nelson, who returned a kickoff 87 yards for one touchdown and scampered 74 yards for a second score. The big play kept Kinston in the game early, but the Bulldogs failed to maintain any drives, and failed to show the offensive power that was expected this season from the Bulldog offense. The Kinston defense was pushed around for over 400 yards in total offense, and it too will have to improve greatly if the Bulldogs are to steal win #1 this week on the road.

Geneva County lost to 4A power Geneva 42-0 in its opener, and this week must deal with the loss of the game and the loss of Scott Hutchinson, a Bulldog running back that died of injuries after the game. The Bulldogs have boasted one of the state's most successful programs for the past five years, and are expected to once again be a team to watch at the 2A level.

It will be an emotional game for the Geneva County players, coaches and fans Friday night when they get back on the field, and the Bulldogs will have to be ready for the Bulldogs from Kinston, who will come to town hungry after last week's big loss.

HOUSTON CO. AT ZION CHAPEL

The Zion Chapel Rebels will jump from the frying pan into the fire this week when they host the highly-ranked Houston County Lions, at Green Memorial Stadium.

The Rebels have been short-handed from the beginning of preseason drills and were far from full strength last week in a big loss to New Brockton. The Rebels had to shuffle young players around in their season opener and it was evident as they failed to get anything going on either side of the football. With two weeks of action under its belt, Zion Chapel should begin to make steps

toward becoming a solid football team this week.

The Houston County Lions posted an 11-1 record a year ago and this season are being picked by many to be the best in the South in the 2A ranks. The Lions opened their season last week with a hard fought 28-20 win over 4A Ashford, but the close call will no doubt wake up the Lions that thought the 2001 season would be easy, and that won't be good for the Rebels.

Thosone shapes up as a mismatch on paper. However, the Rebels will battle hard to defend their home turf, and should be ready to show signs of becoming a good 1A club.

HIGHLAND HOME AT BRANTLEY

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to improve to 2-0 and get a measure of revenge for a loss last season when they host the Highland Home Flying Squadron on Friday night in Brantley.

The Bulldogs struggled on offense last week and managed less than fifty yards in total offense, but rode the efforts of the Brantley defense in claiming a 6-0 win over J.E. Shields. With a sophomore quarterback and a freshman tailback, Brantley will struggle early on on the offensive side of the football. It will be up to the defense to keep the 'Dogs close, and that was obvious last week.

Highland Home opened the season with a wild 26-24 win over Luverne last week and will no doubt be looking forward to this week's clash with Brantley. The Squadron tamed the Bulldogs last season, and would enjoy nothing more than to hand the Bulldogs a loss for the second straight season. With speed to burn and over 60 players on its roster, Highland Home could be a sleeper to challenge for a crown in the 2A ranks.

Highland Home will soar into Brantley looking to embarrass the youthful Bulldogs, and while that is certainly a possibility, Brantley will fight to defend its huge field.



HERE COME THE GAMECOCKS...The New Brockton Gamecocks were ready to hit the field Friday night for their annual battle against Zion Chapel. The Gamecocks made the early-season clash a Gamecock coming out party as New Brockton scored early and often in a 39-0 win. This week the Gamecocks will hit the road to battle the G.W. Long Rebels. Kickoff for the game is 7:00 p.m.



A Rebel runner tries to pull away from a would be Gamecock tackler. Zion Chapel will be home Friday night to battle the highly-ranked Houston County Lions. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

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Seasons and bag limits include major changes from previous seasons for waterfowl seasons

Seasons and bag limits for the 2001-2002 waterfowl season include some major changes from previous seasons, according to an announcement made by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

A major change is that shooting hours are one and one-half

hour before sunrise to sunset, statewide for all waterfowl.

The special Canada Goose season began on Sept. 1 and will continue through Sept. 15, with limits of 5 per day and 10 in possession. The special Teal season will be from Sept. 8-23, with limits of 4 per day and 8 in possession.

Another major change is that canvasback may be hunted

only from Jan. 12-31, while the season for other ducks, coots and mergansers will be from Nov. 23-25 and Dec. 15-Jan. 31.

Special youth hunting days are set for Feb. 9-10. The use of non-toxic shot, either steel shot, T size or smaller, or shot and sizes approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is required in all Alabama waterfowl hunting.

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*** Enterprise State Junior College is hosting a Student Art Exhibit in Connor Gallery, Talmadge Hall. The exhibit is open to the public for viewing on Mondays and Wednesdays, Noon-1:00 p.m. through September 19. A special Open House will be held on Monday, September 10, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Pictured is ESJC art instructor Faye Earnest with student Sharon Wasden of Enterprise next to one of her paintings featured in the exhibit along with some drawings by Sunguen Jun also of Enterprise. Works of seven ESJC students in various media are featured in the exhibit with some items for sale. For more information about the exhibit, call Ms. Earnest at 334-393-ESJC, ext. 254.

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Elba's Tim Hudson and Blake Streetman continue to dominate racing action at Kinston's South Alabama Speedway

By Mark Chisum

Last year, South Alabama Speedway held its first Super Stock 125. Mark Davis took the win over Jody Henderson. Saturday night, Davis made his first start of the season at South Alabama and was trying to cool off a red hot Henderson who had won six of the last seven Super Stock Features. This time around, though, Henderson was able to continue his streak and take home the \$1500 winner's purse.

Twenty-five cars were on hand for the event, with 21 taking qualifying laps. Henderson led the way with a time of 18.025, just a tick off the track record. Davis was just over a tenth of a second slower. By virtue of inversion, Montgomery drivers Charles Davis and Dubby Lewis sat on the front row with Mark Davis fourth and Henderson sixth.

Lewis got the jump on Charles Davis and led the first lap before Charles Davis recovered to lead laps two and three. The two fastest cars were headed to the front, and Mark Davis took the lead from Charles Davis on fourth circuit while Henderson took a few laps to get around Charles Davis for second.

Henderson seemed content to ride behind Mark Davis and get a few laps completed before making his move. The time came on lap 70 as Henderson moved underneath for the lead. A planned 10-minute break was set for lap 75 so the drivers could refuel and make adjustments. Davis changed two right side tires and made chassis adjustments, while Henderson made a carburetor adjustment. After the time-out, though, it was more of the same. Davis' adjustment weren't enough as Henderson led him to the checkered flag by a half car length.

Eugene Kearley finished third. Stacy McVay ran a strong fourth after starting 13th. Kevin Rehwinke came from 12th starting spot to finish fifth.

In the IMCA Modified Feature, Jamie Ater led early, then took advantage of Timbo Kendrick's misfortune to take the win. Kendrick had taken the lead from Ater on lap six, and built about a straight away lead and appeared headed for his third win of the year. However, with two laps to go, Kendrick was trying to put a lap on Danny Wolfanger. The two tangled going into turn three, with Kendrick sliding off of the track, clearing the bushes outlining the track's property and ending up in the neighboring cotton field. Kendrick was able to make time after being picked from the field, but resumed the race fifth position. Ater was able to hold off a hard charging Kevin Peel for the win. Peel was followed by Tom Galbreath, Tommy Lashley, and Kendrick.

Blake Streetman won his fifth Street Stock Feature of the season. Streetman led all 20 laps of the feature. Brian Martin finished second, but was never a threat to the Elba, AL driver. Jamie Bowers took third place honors, with Derek Deese fourth and Timbo Kendrick fifth.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



DENISE SAULS from Denise's Hair and Nail Salon in Elba recently sharpened her hair design and color techniques at the Redken Exchange located on Fifth Avenue in New York City. The Redken Exchange is an advanced educational center for the salon professionals where a network of internationally recognized trainers teach the most progressive innovations in hair design, color and business. The hair design classes focus on shape, texture and movement as it relates to the current trends, and the color classes demonstrate custom formulating, color placement and corrective color.

C.C. Chapter of the National Alumni Association to hold September 11

The Coffee County Chapter of the University of Alabama National Alumni Association invites all fans, friends and alumni to their fall meeting, Tuesday, September 11, 2001 at Enterprise Country Club. Social hour is at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:45. Guest speaker is Athletic Director Mal Moore. The meal is ribs, catered by Half Back's BBQ, and the price is \$17.50 per person. Mail checks to Eric Payne, 201 Highland Drive, Enterprise 36330, phone 393-0700. For more information call Mary Sue Cain at 347-7268.

Barbecue dinner to be held at ESJC Saturday, September 29

All citizens of the Wiregrass communities are invited to be special guests of Enterprise State Junior College at a barbecue dinner planned for September 29, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at ESJC's Lurleen Wallace Student Center's Multipurpose Room. The purpose of the barbecue is to provide citizens in the Wiregrass area with information regarding the benefits of the Performing Arts, Technology, and Continuing Education Center planned for the College.

To be a part of this exciting venture, plan to attend the barbecue on the September 29th, or for more information, call 334-393-ESJC.

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Fire Departments receives grant checks

On July 19, 2001 representatives of Coffee County's volunteer fire departments met at the Forestry Commission office in New Brockton to receive grant checks totaling \$22,088.43. State Senator Jimmy Holley and State Representative Terry Spicer were on hand to present each of the county's nine departments with a check for \$2454.27. This money may be used by the departments to purchase equipment or make repairs as needed. The grant program is funded by the legislature and administered by the Alabama Forestry Commission. Both Senator Holley and Representative Spicer commended all the departments for the services they provide to the people of Coffee County.

Brunson chosen to participate in Leadership Alabama Program

Leadership Alabama, a statewide program of Alabama leaders engaged in creating a network for positive change, announces the selection of a local resident to its 2001-2002 class. Elba resident William L. Brunson Jr. is among the Alabama leaders who will participate in a nine-month series of retreats designed to trigger open dialogue and response to the concerns of the state. According to Executive Director Barbara Larson, the program has two goals: education and networking. "By examining topics such as education, politics and government, developing human capital, economic development and diversity, Leadership Alabama increases the number of effective leaders having a sound understanding of the broad spectrum of issues affecting our state," said Larson. "The success of the program is apparent when members respond and take action, becoming vital contributors to progress for Alabama."

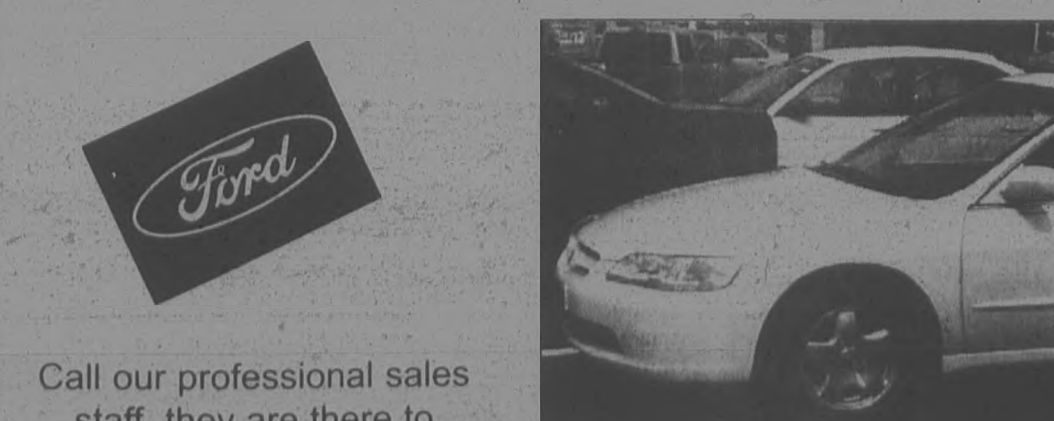
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Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben
by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist
Don't Let A Little Mud Hole Ruin Your Big Trip

Outdoors people are going to get their vehicle stuck in the mud or snow; it's just a fact of life in the outdoors. But there are things we can do to reduce the frequency of watching our wheels sling mud. Having the basic tools to get a vehicle out of the muck can salvage a tired trip, also.

Roads to prime outdoor locations often have at least one major mud hole before the final destination. How we negotiate these areas determines whether we enjoy our planned activity or spend several hours trying to dig and push our vehicle out of the soup.

Determining that it is safe to cross is the first consideration. If it seems safe enough, negotiating the mud hole at just enough speed to keep the vehicle moving forward is usually best. Trying to get up enough speed to blast through it can lead to spin outs and vehicle damage. Large aggressive tread tires have a tendency to "dig in" if too much throttle is applied and a vehicle can be sitting on its axle before the driver realizes it. Apply just enough gas to keep the forward momentum.

Owners of 4-wheel drive vehicles can use a "sawing technique" to gain extra traction from the front drive. By continuously turning the steering wheel slightly left then right as you drive through the mud, the vertical treads on the sidewall of mud tires will bite into the side of the ruts and increase traction.

But what if our best mud driving skills prove inadequate and we become stuck? Reducing the air pressure in the tires on the pulling axle(s) will often increase traction enough to get free. Extreme caution must be used when reducing air pressure to avoid the tire bead breaking loose from the wheel when you apply throttle. Excessive speed can cause the sidewalls to be cut by the wheel rim.

The same person should deflate both tires, using an air gauge to ensure not too much air is let out. My brother, Bill and I

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COMMUNITY NEWS

TSUD Creative Writing Club accepting submissions from area writers

Troy State University Dothan's Creative Writing Club is now accepting submissions for the 2001 Cooper Blade Review. The annual literary collection is dedicated to

showcase the writing talent of TSUD student and community writers and is now in its sixth year of publication. The Cooper Blade Review will feature a superb array of

works with poems, short stories, essays, and short plays. Submissions will be accepted by any person of any age that is interested in trying their hand at creative writing. This will be a chance for the surrounding community writers and TSUD students to have their work published and showcased to the public.

To submit a literary piece or to purchase a past edition of the Cooper Blade Review, please contact the TSUD

Creative Writing Club, P.O. Box 8368, Dothan, AL 36304 or call Chris Bryant at 983-6556, ext. 393 or Fred Feagin at 983-6556, ext. 235.



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT...?

A Service of the Elba Church of Christ

"Is it possible for us to know for sure that God exists?"

Unknown.

Yes!

The scientist's great pursuit of the past ends at the moment of creation. Man cannot look back into the past any further than the point when time began. Every effect must have a cause. Therefore even time is an effect as the result of some cause. Which means that whatever the cause of time is has to be something or someone eternal. The Great Cause is God as the psalmist wrote: "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God (Psalm 90:2)."

There was a time when there was a beginning to the universe. The evolutionist says that there must have been a "Big Bang" that caused everything to begin in motion. But before matter existed, what could have banged? From nothing, nothing comes, which is a scientific law. Matter cannot create mind, therefore the conclusion must be that an all powerful mind created matter. That all powerful mind is God as stated in the Bible: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Genesis 1:1)."

We know this to be true for even nature is in agreement with this great fact as the psalmist wrote: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork (Psalm 19:1)."

-Jimmy Simmons

If you would like to submit a question for consideration to be used in this column, please send it to: "Questions and Answers," c/o Elba Church of Christ, P.O. Box 269, Elba, AL 36523. We invite everyone to attend the services of the Elba Church of Christ. Bible classes begin on Sunday mornings at 9:00, worship at 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. and Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.



Dr. Faith Drumbheller with Pebbles. Pebbles was recently spayed.

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"We're anxious to measure the results of a comprehensive project like this one." Locally, Dr. Faith B. Drumbheller is the only veterinarian known to be participating with Maddie's Fund at the present time. Her office is located in Opp and anyone wanting information on the new spay/neuter program or wanting to make an appointment should call (334) 493-6687.



30 YEARS OF SERVICE...Rhonda Hughes completed 30 years of service with SouthTrust Bank on August 15, 2001. Ms. Hughes is the Deposit Operations Supervisor for the Coffee County market and has held many job functions over the last 30 years. "Rhonda is an asset to this company and we are grateful for her years of dedicated service to South Trust Bank," stated Tonya Jones, Director of Human Resources.

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HOME SAFETY SALE

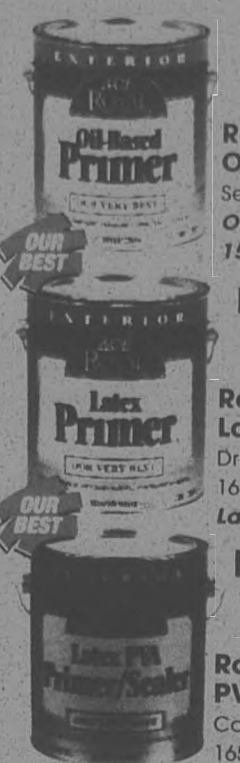


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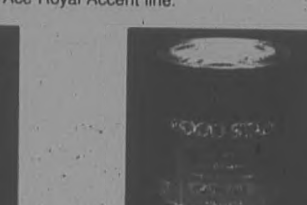
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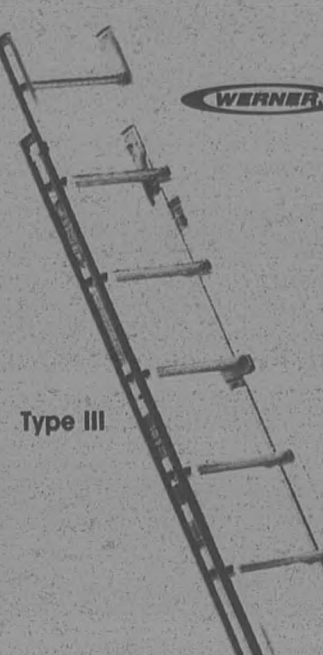
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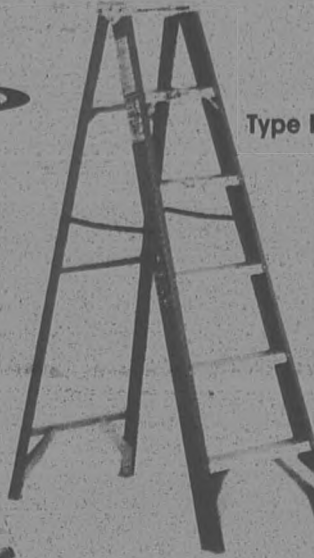
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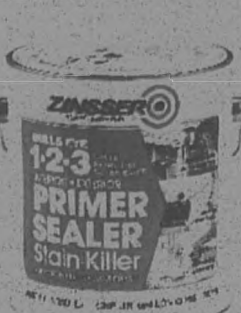
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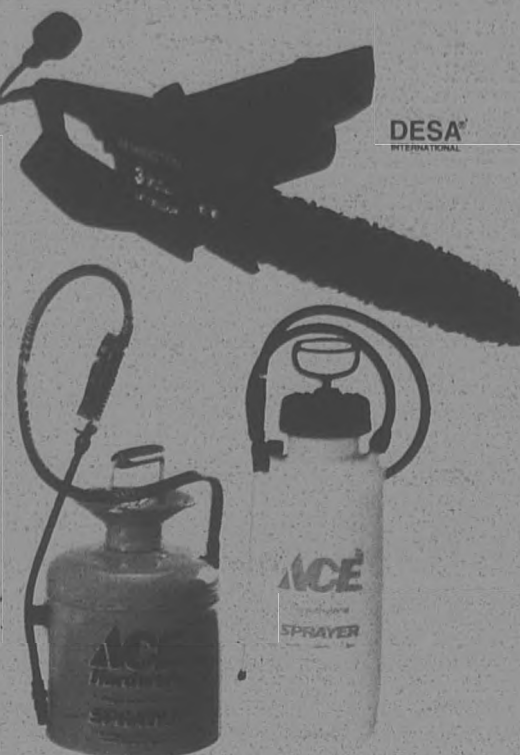


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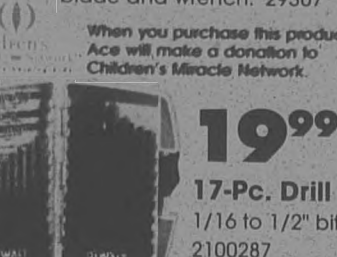
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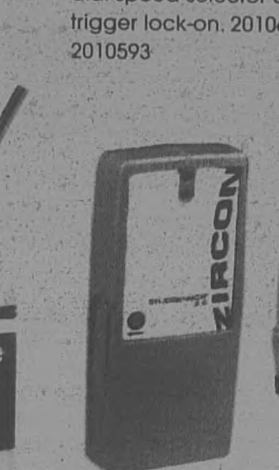


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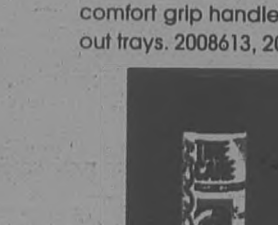


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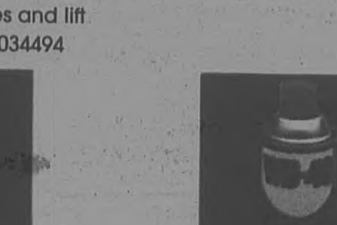
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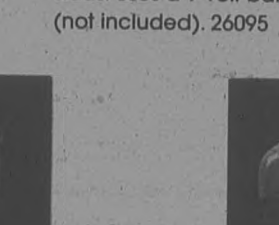
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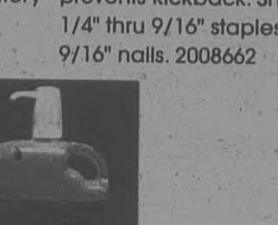
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Elba police chief submits letter of resignation to council

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council members began their meeting Monday evening thinking their hardest decision was adopting a budget for the coming year, approving a financial resolution to allow the levee project to move forward and paying the monthly bills. However, each council member appeared to be in shock as Mayor James

Grimes read a letter of resignation from Police Chief R. W. Whitworth, who has served the City of Elba as chief for the past five years.

While the letter indicated the chief wanted to leave the position as soon as possible, due to personal obligations and health problems of a family member in North Alabama, the council tabled any action on the request. Council members asked for a

chance to sit down and talk with Whitworth before he made the decision final. He agreed to sit down and discuss the matter, but indicated his decision has been made and it is best for him to continue in that direction.

Words of praise and/or appreciation were echoed by several council members as they voted unanimously to table acceptance of the resignation letter. No date was set for further consideration

of Whitworth's letter.

Council members were presented with a copy of a recommended budget for the year 2001-2002 by Mayor James Grimes. They will vote on this at the next regular council meeting scheduled for September 24th. The total projected revenue is actually up by \$105,000, but that is due to an increase of \$137,000 in the annual transfers from the Elba Water and

Electric Board.

The recommended budget for the City of Elba is based on a projected \$2,418,000 in total income during the coming year. This includes anticipated drops in police revenue, sales and use taxes, gasoline tax, tobacco tax, garbage fees, sewer fees, building permits, cable TV franchise tax and telephone franchise tax. Increases in addition to the W&E transfer include: privilege licenses, police fines, gas excise, TVA profits, Sr. Citizens Center and SE Ala Gas transfer.

The largest cuts in the upcoming budget include the \$20,000 to Economic Development, street department supplies, cut by \$10,000 and repairs cut by \$5,000; recreation department maintenance, cut by \$5,000 and uniforms & equipment cut by \$10,000 and general fund debt retirement at \$60,000. However the largest increase comes with beginning repayment to the US Department of Agriculture of the sewer improvement loan and interest

R.W. Whitworth

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Coffee County BOE hears concerns of NBES parents

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education listened last Thursday evening, Aug. 6, during the regular meeting of the board as a spokesperson for the New Brockton Elementary School PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) expressed some concerns from parents.

"We are concerned about our county schools," said Wanda Shirley, spokesperson for the New Brockton Elementary School PTO. "In our interviews, we want to show our teachers, administrators, board and children that we are involved."

Shirley said it seems as though the county schools get so much less than city schools and the parents of county school children want to see changes made in school funding.

"We are quite frankly tired of our children being held hostage to negotiation," she said. "We want school funding fixed."

In an attempt to help, Shirley told board members that parents of the New Brockton Elementary School PTO are planning to write letters to legislators asking for changes in education funding.

Another issue Shirley discussed with board members was class size.

She said it was her understanding from a conversation with Superintendent Dr. Linda

Ingram that New Brockton Elementary School had a decrease in students of 14.5 last year, which in turn forced the school to lose one-half of a teacher unit.

"All of our foundation units (teachers) are where they were gained," Ingram said.

She said the State Department of Education calculates the number of teacher units a school earns based on the student attendance from the prior year, and New Brockton Elementary currently is over by 2.6 teacher units as compared to the number that the state department calculated.

The superintendent said there are some grades within the county school system that are over the state's suggested size by a couple of students, but at the same time there are some that are under the suggested cap.

Board chairman Charles Walker asked the superintendent what it would cost to hire additional teachers so all grades would be under the suggested cap size.

Ingram said it would cost approximately \$50-\$55,000 per class including benefits. Overall, she said the school system would probably have to hire seven or eight additional teachers to reach this status.

"We're sympathetic to the

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HEAD-ON COLLISION...These two pick-up trucks collided early Wednesday morning, September 5th, on Coffee County Road 239, just past Woodland Grove Baptist Church. As can be seen in the picture, it was a very foggy morning and initial information was that this contributed directly to the accident. Reportedly, one of the drivers was attempting to pass a slower vehicle and didn't see the oncoming truck until it was too late and the two vehicles hit head on with the vehicles ending up off the pavement on the North side of the road. The major impact of the accident appeared to be on the passenger side of each vehicle, which were occupied by only the drivers of the respective trucks. While both drivers were injured, neither suffered life threatening injuries but both were transported to the local hospital for initial medical attention and then transferred as needed for specialized treatment.

Commission approves change in depository after debate

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission received an update from the Coffee County Water Authority Monday, Sept. 10, during the regular bimonthly meeting of the commission.

Dr. James Paulk, chairman of the county water authority, said the paperwork for the water project had been sent to Montgomery, however, it was not approved because of lack of sign-ups.

"We've been told we need at least 300 more sign-ups," Paulk said. Currently, he said the water authority has approximately 715 people signed up for the water project with some of those coming from across the county line. In Coffee County, alone, he said there are about 650-675 people signed up.

Matt Mobley, project engineer, said the area with the most customers is District 4, and the Fairview area has the fewest sign-ups.

"Right now, raising the rates is not an option," said Mobley. "We will probably have to cut back some of the sign-ups if we don't get the additional 300."

He said it is very important for the county commission, volunteer fire departments and citizens to encourage people to sign up for the project. Otherwise, Coffee County will miss out on \$2.7 million of free money from the government.

"You don't know with this type of grant money if this kind of opportunity will come again," Mobley said.

David Hicks, project engineer, said his engineering company has done several projects like the one in Coffee County.

He particularly mentioned Covington County where they too had trouble in the beginning with getting enough sign-ups.

"There are two things everyone is concerned with, fire protection and their checkbook," said Hicks. "I believe the commission could take an active role along with the volunteer fire departments in helping to sell this project to the people who don't know about it and its advantages."

He said in Covington County the volunteer fire departments got so much money for every

person they got to sign up for the project.

"We actually ended up with 100 more there than we needed," he said. "Once people realized the benefits of the project, they signed up and it was easy."

Ronnie Wise, USDA Rural Development representative, also addressed the commission concerning the project and reminded everyone that the letter of conditions that the USDA originally presented indicated

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Proclamation presented to Rayfield Reynolds by New Brockton Town Council

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council presented a proclamation to Rayfield Reynolds of Elba for the work he has been doing in an effort to assist the town in its creation of a peanut butter monument.

Dated Sept. 10, 2001, the proclamation permanently recognizes Reynolds for his contributions to the Town of New Brockton with his inventions that improved the quality of peanut butter made in the mid-1930s in the town. The resolution also recognizes Reynolds for the furniture he has been making over the last several months and donating to the town to sell and raise money for the erection of the monument.

"I appreciate you (council) helping me get this monument started," said Reynolds. "It's something to help when the kids come to my shop and always want me to tell them some history. That's the reason I wanted to start this monument so the kids can come to New Brockton

for history."

Monday evening, Cole said \$1,139 has been collected so far through the sale of the furniture.

Cole gave council members an update on the financial plan that has been in place for the past few months to implement cost savings.

The mayor said \$2,530.78 has been saved over the past few months, and he feels the town can continue to save money in the upcoming months.

Upon the request of Police Chief Jerry Gilbert, the council approved sending Officer Jeff Shelton to training.

Gilbert said Shelton, who has a history in law enforcement, has been working with the department on a part-time basis and was required to take an 80-hour refresher course to become certified again.

"This is an extremely quali-

fied officer," said Gilbert. "He is going to be an asset to our department."

Council member Ron McMonagle cast the lone opposing vote to the police chief's request.

In his update, the police chief said his department issued the following traffic citations during the month of August:

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New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole presents a resolution to Rayfield Reynolds of Elba recognizing his continued support of the town as New Brockton Town Council members Rodger Harrison, Johnny Herron, Jody Stuckey, Ricky Strickland and Ron McMonagle stand in the background.

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Area Happenings

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL On Friday, Sept. 14, the Elba Tigers will travel to Laverne, the New Brockton Garrettsville will be at home against Wicksburg, the Kinston Bulldogs will be at home against Arden, the Zion Chapel Rebels will travel to Pleasant Home and the Brasley Bulldogs will be at home against G.W. Long. Kickoff for all games will be 7:30 p.m.

BONFIRE PLANNED IN ELBA The citizens of Elba are invited to attend Elba's largest bonfire ever on Thursday, Sept. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Elba High School. Everyone is invited to come out and support the Elba High football players, band and cheerleaders as they prepare for the first home game of the season on Friday, Sept. 21, where the Tigers will take on the Opp Bobcats.

COFFEE COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS MEETING The Coffee County Association of Retired Teachers and Support Personnel will hold its first meeting of the 2001-2002 year on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the College Avenue Church of Christ in Enterprise at 5:30 p.m. All Coffee County retired teachers and school support personnel are invited to attend this Fall Fellowship honoring the 2001 retirees.

CHAMBER BANQUET The Elba Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet Thursday, Sept. 27, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elba High School commons area. Dinner for the event will be casual.